

TOP SECRET

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Information About a Potentially Available New Aircraft

1. Dr. Robert McMath, consultant to OSI, requested an opportunity yesterday evening to pass on to HMC information that he had acquired during the same day, that he felt would be of immediate interest to the Agency. McMath came to the apartment for this purpose at 9:30 PM, 24 March.
2. Dr. Hugh Dryden, NACA, had asked of a small group if any of them knew of any use that could be made of an aircraft which would fly at 85,000 to 90,000 feet, at a speed of about 150 mph, of long range, and fueled by liquid hydrogen. Engines and all other necessary components are available. Machine could be set up in 6-9 months after date of decision. McMath recognized that this was the ideal plane for an over-flight since it would be invulnerable in light of existing radar, etc. None of these aircraft are now on order.
3. The people in the conversation to hear Dryden's remarks were Pat Hyland; Bob McMath; Cliff Furnas; Bill Littlewood, Vice President (Engineering) American Airlines; Phil Taylor, and Al Wagenor (Secretary RDB Committee on Aeronautics).
4. At a breakfast conversation with Hyland on 25 March, Hyland estimated the range of this craft to be of the order of 2000 miles.


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